

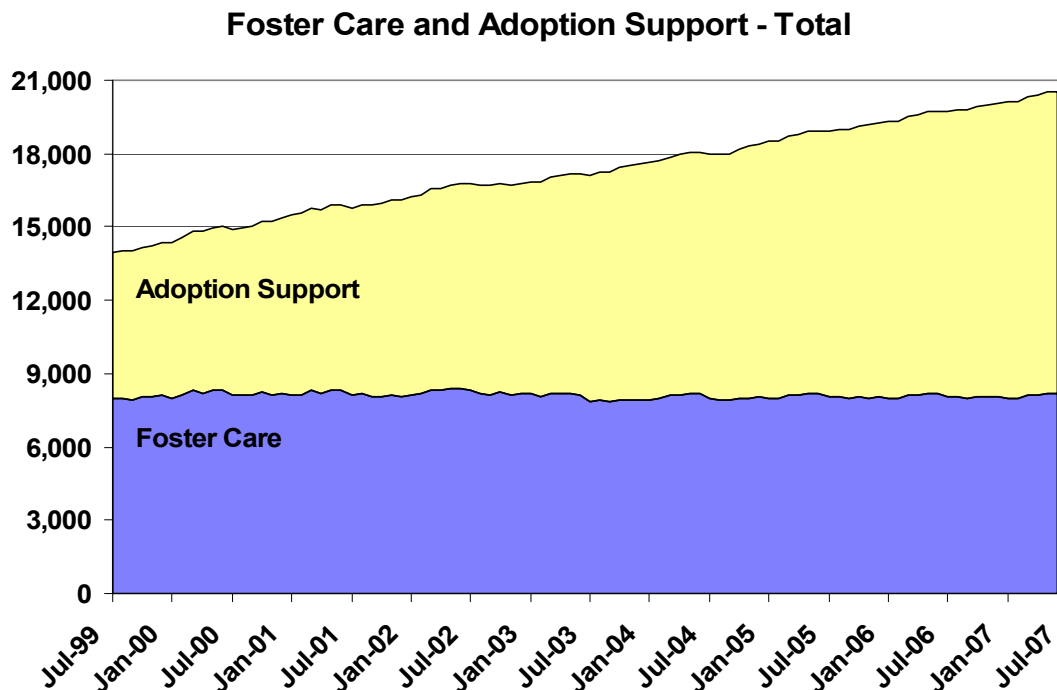
FAST FACTS

The CFC produces forecasts of eligibles in the Adoption Support and Foster Care programs.

The **Adoption Support** program encourages the adoption of children from DSHS foster care who, because of age, race, physical condition or emotional health, are considered more difficult to place for adoption. The program includes help with legal assistance, fees for adoption, ongoing monthly maintenance for adopted children with special needs, medical coverage to age 18, counseling reimbursements, and training opportunities.

The **Foster Care** forecast includes forecasts for Foster Family Homes, Receiving Homes, and Behavioral Rehabilitation Services (BRS).

- Foster Family Homes provide 24-hour care to children who need temporary out-of-home placement due to child abuse, neglect, or family conflict.
- Behavioral Rehabilitation Services are intended for children with emotional and/or behavioral difficulties with needs exceeding the service or supervision capacity of regular foster care.
- Receiving Homes are for the emergency placement of children pending family reunification or replacement to longer term family foster or group care.



Breakdown of Adoption Support and Foster Care Total Caseload

Category	FY05 Average Caseload	% of Total	Average Annual Change	Average Annual Percent Change FY05-07
Adoption Support	10,450	56.5%	792	7.3%
Foster Family Homes	6,522	35.3%	20	0.3%
Behavioral Rehabilitation Services	1,044	5.6%	12	1.2%
Receiving Homes	482	2.6%	-21	-4.4%
Total Adoption Support and Foster Care	18,498	100.0%	803	4.3%

Adoption Support and Foster Care Fiscal Year Caseload Change

Fiscal Year	Caseload Change	Percent Change	
FY01-02	814	5.3%	Actuals
FY02-03	639	3.9%	
FY03-04	736	4.4%	
<i>FY04-05</i>	<i>880</i>	<i>5.0%</i>	<i>Forecast</i>
<i>FY05-06</i>	<i>804</i>	<i>4.3%</i>	
<i>FY06-07</i>	<i>804</i>	<i>4.2%</i>	

- The total caseload is projected to grow, on average, by around 4.3 percent per year for the FY05-07 Biennium, compared to the average population growth for children 18 and under of less than one percent per year.